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## AMENDMENT AND REMARKS ACCOMPANYING RCE

Dear Sir

This paper and the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE) are being submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated December 18, 2006, having a three-month shortened statutory period for reply. Accompanying this response is a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a <a href="https://docs.org/lines/the-month">https://docs.org/lines/the-month</a> extension of time, setting a new time for reply that ends on June 18, 2007. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

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Remarks begin on page 30.